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UMC Senior, Josh Johnson, Receives True Grit Award

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The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) has named Josh Johnson, Hoffman MN, as recipient of the True Grit award at Ag Arama held January 28 and 29 on the UMC campus. This award was presented at the 30th Ag Arama competition, a tradition that began in 1976 on the Crookston campus.

The True Grit Award is the most coveted of all awards presented at UMC's Ag-Arama. The award is presented annually to the student who best demonstrates the active spirit of Todd Opsahl, a UMC student in 1973-74. Most students and faculty around Opsahl did not know that he was suffering from terminal leukemia, a disease that took his life shortly after he left college. Despite this condition, Opsahl was extremely active in campus activities, especially in the agriculture division where he studied animal science. In remembrance, the True Grit Award is presented to a current student who has demonstrated a spirit of active, enthusiastic participation and leadership and who encourages others to participate in agriculture-related activities.

Joshua Johnson is the son of Waldo and Valerie Johnson and a senior at UMC majoring in animal industries management. He will be graduating on May7th

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